

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on March 21, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Pat Christian, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 15, 3/10/2017

Executive Action

SB 185: Do Pass as Amended
HB 108: Be Concurred In as Amended
HB 367: Be Concurred In
SB 236: Do Pass as Amended

HEARING ON HJ 15

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:24 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HJ 15, Resolution urging the delisting of grizzly bears.

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:30 Rep. Sue Vinton, HD 56

00:08:44 Benjamin Hofer, citizen

00:12:03 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association

00:13:36 Dave McEwen, Montana Wool Growers Association

00:16:28 David Wipf, citizen

00:18:10 Jim Brown, Montana Wool Growers Association and Montana Sportsmen Association

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a04\)](#)

00:22:015 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association, Montana CattleWomen

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a05\)](#)

00:24:25 Mark Lambrecht, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

00:25:25 Chelcie Cargill, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

00:27:58 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers

00:29:03 Neal Skogen, citizen

00:29:51 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

00:32:05 Paul Fielder, citizen

00:37:44 Cody Yeager, citizen

00:40:47 Reuben Waldner, citizen

00:42:05 Harold Yeager, citizen

Opponents' Testimony:

00:45:11 Zach Strong, Natural Resources Defense Council

00:47:01 Dan Sullivan, citizen

00:50:00 Derek Goldman, Endangered Species Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a07\)](#)

00:53:38 Caroline Byrd, Greater Yellowstone Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a08\)](#)

00:56:03 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF) and National Wildlife Federation

00:58:13 Rick Bass, Yaak Valley Forest Council (YVFC)

01:00:51 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

01:03:05 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

01:07:09 Russ Talmo, Defenders of Wildlife

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a10\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

01:10:10 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:27 Sen. Phillips
 01:11:18 Rep. Gunderson
 01:11:40 Sen. Phillips
 01:12:01 Rep. Gunderson
 01:12:11 Sen. Phillips
 01:13:04 Rep. Gunderson
 01:13:38 Sen. Phillips
 01:14:06 Rep. Gunderson
 01:14:23 Sen. Phillips
 01:14:46 Rep. Gunderson
 01:15:15 Sen. Phillips
 01:16:04 Rep. Gunderson
 01:16:19 Sen. Hinebauch
 01:16:59 Mr. Fielder, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a11\)](#)

01:21:45 Sen. Vincent
 01:23:14 Mr. Lamb, MWF
 01:23:19 Sen. Vincent
 01:23:56 Mr. Lamb
 01:24:33 Sen. Vincent
 01:26:37 Mr. Bass, YVFC
 01:27:27 Sen. Vincent
 01:28:31 Mr. Bass
 01:29:38 Sen. Hinkle
 01:30:07 Mr. Fielder
 01:30:23 Sen. Hinkle
 01:30:36 Mr. Fielder
 01:31:58 Sen. Hinkle
 01:33:29 Mr. Fielder
 01:34:56 Sen. Phillips
 01:35:25 Mr. McDonald, FWP
 01:36:32 Sen. Phillips
 01:37:00 Mr. McDonald
 01:37:22 Chair Fielder
 01:37:39 Mr. McDonald
 01:38:08 Chair Fielder
 01:38:14 Mr. McDonald
 01:38:23 Chair Fielder

01:38:58 Mr. McDonald

Closing by Sponsor:

01:39:52 Rep. Gunderson

01:42:45 Recess

01:54:46 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 367

01:55:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 367 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. McClafferty and Sen. Phillips voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Vuckovich will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 236

01:58:10 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 236 DO PASS**.

01:58:36 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 236 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(fis58a12\)](#)

Discussion:

01:59:32 Chair Fielder
[EXHIBIT\(fis58a13\)](#)

02:01:04 Sen. Cohenour

02:02:05 Chair Fielder

02:03:29 Sen. Cohenour

02:03:47 Chair Fielder

02:06:07 Sen. Cohenour

02:07:01 Chair Fielder

02:07:43 Sen. Hinkle

02:08:10 Chair Fielder

02:09:06 Sen. Hinkle

02:09:39 Sen. Cohenour

02:10:49 Chair Fielder

[EXHIBIT\(fis58a14\)](#)

02:11:45 Sen. Facey

02:12:28 Chair Fielder

02:12:54 Sen. Facey

02:13:11 Sen. Phillips

02:14:42 Chair Fielder

02:14:46 Sen. Hinkle

02:15:10 Sen. Cohenour

02:15:21 Sen. Hinkle

02:15:35 Mark Lambrecht, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

02:16:41 Sen. Facey
 02:17:12 Mr. Lambrecht, RMEF
 02:18:04 Sen. Facey
 02:18:17 Mr. Lambrecht
 02:19:15 Chair Fielder
 02:19:37 Sen. Vincent

02:22:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

02:23:26 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 236 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:23:32 Sen. Phillips
 02:24:00 Chair Fielder
 02:24:30 Sen. Welborn
 02:25:42 Chair Fielder
 02:27:42 Sen. Welborn

02:29:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. McClafferty, Sen. Phillips and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 108

02:30:32 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 108 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:31:26 **Motion:** Sen. Fielder moved that **SB 108 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fis58a15\)](#)

Discussion:

02:32:44 Sen. Cohenour
 02:33:00 Chair Fielder

02:33:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

02:34:28 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 108 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

02:34:35 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 108 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fis58a16\)](#)

Discussion:

02:34:46 Sen. Hinkle
 02:36:35 Sen. Vincent
 02:37:20 Chair Fielder
 02:38:10 Sen. Vincent

02:38:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Phillips, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

02:39:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 108 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 7-2 by voice vote with Sen. Vincent and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith were excused. Sen. Whitford will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 185

02:41:13 Chair Fielder

02:41:45 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 185 DO PASS**.

02:42:03 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 185 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(fis58a17\)](#)

Discussion:

02:42:25 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guide Association

02:44:18 Chair Fielder

02:44:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with Sen. Hinebauch voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

02:44:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 185 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

02:45:33 Chair Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:52 PM

Pat Christian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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EXHIBIT([fis58aad.pdf](#))